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Preliminary Amendment
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of the member to be fed.

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3. (Amended) A feed belt according to claim 1, further comprising a filament which is disposed in a central portion of the belt.

4. (Amended) A feed belt according to claim 1, further comprising a filament which is disposed on a driving surface side of the belt.

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5. (Amended) A feed belt, adapted to feeding members comprising at least one of papers, tickets, bank notes, plastic or paper cards and coins, comprising:

a base material layer formed of a first elastic material having a hardness corresponding to rubber hardness 15 to 90;

a high hardness particle containing layer comprising:

a second elastic material having a hardness corresponding to rubber hardness 15 to 90;

10 to 70 percent by weight of high hardness particles dispersed throughout the second elastic material, said high hardness particles having a particle diameter of 3 to 300 μm ;

characterized in that the high hardness particles project from a feed surface, where the projecting amount of the high hardness particles increases with the elasticity of at least the second elastic material when a member to be fed is fed, and the projecting amount of the high hardness particles varies according to the pressure applied to the belt from an external source, [which said] where the pressure applied to the belt from an external source varies with the shape or hardness of the member to be fed.

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7. (Amended) A feed belt according to claim 5, further comprising a filament which is disposed in a central portion of the belt, the base material layer being formed on a driving surface side of

Fig 1
the belt, and the high hardness particle containing layer being formed on a feed surface side of the belt.

8. (Amended) A feed belt according to claim 5, further comprising a filament which is disposed on a driving surface side of the belt.

Fig 2
9. (Amended) A feed belt according to claim 5, wherein the hardness of the second elastic material is less than the hardness of the first elastic material.

Please add the following new claims:

Fig 3
10. (New) A feed belt according to claim 5, wherein the second elastic material has properties different from said first elastic material and wherein the hardness of the second elastic material is more than the hardness of the first elastic material.